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Warrior to Capture WWF Title?

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Will The Ultimate Warrior regain the World Wrestling Federation title? Will Randy Savage turn heel attempting to keep his crown? Will Ric Flair and Mr. Perfect become involved? These are the themes surrounding the Savage-Warrior main event upcoming at Summer Slam August 29 shown via tape delay from England's Wembley Stadium.

The other intriguing match has Bret Hart vs. The British Bulldog. Hart is rumored to be World Championship Wrestling-bound, but WWF owner Vince McMahon may attempt enticing Hart with a prolonged title run for staying. Other match-ups include The Natural Disasters vs. The Beverly Brothers for the WWF tag-team titles, The Legion of Doom vs. Money Inc. (Ted DiBiase-Irwin R. Shyster), Shawn Michaels vs. Rick Martel, Repo Man vs. Crush, Tatanka vs. The Berserker and Undertaker vs. Kamala.

Issue 46 of *Three Count* will be mailed August 30 with a complete report of the show. Issue 47 will be mailed Sept. 3 with a report on the Clash of Champions from Center Stage.

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Bart Vale, pictured after winning the PWF title last March in Miami, is once again promoting a shoot-fighting show in the United States. Vale will wrestle Mack Roesch in the main event of an October 16 card at Mahi Temple Auditorium in Miami. Photo: Dr. Mike Lano.

Vale to Hold 2nd U.S. PWF Show

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Bart Vale, champion of the Pro Wrestling Fujiwara shoot-

fighting group, will hold the second-ever shoot-fighting show in the United States October 16 at the Mahi Temple Auditorium in Miami.

Vale will defend his PWF title against Mack Roesch in the show's main event. On the undercard, Ken Shamrock (Vince Torelli of North Carolina) will face Berto Dieusel (who works a pro wrestling-style as Caribbean Kid Berto on International Wrestling Federation shows in Central Florida), Jerry Flynn vs. someone making his professional debut and four amateur matches. The show is without Japanese talent, and is not officially being run under the PWF banner, although all the talent booked excluding amateurs is from that promotion.

The inaugural U.S. shoot-fighting card last March at Miami's Knight Center drew between 2,100-2,500 fans with Vale vs. Yoshiaki Fujiwara in the main event. Flynn, Dieusel, and Shamrock were on the card as well. This show should draw equally as well, and has a legitimate chance of selling out the 3,000-seat auditorium. Should this show be successful, shoot fighting shows on a more consistent basis are likely to emerge in the U.S., especially in the Miami and Tampa areas.

Tickets for the show are \$16 and \$13, and are available at Ticketmaster locations. For more information, call 305-266-1601 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

Briefly

• I received a phone call from **Three Count** Japan columnist and *Wrestling Observer Newsletter* editor **Dave Meltzer** from Japan, where the two are having the time of their life on a three-week vacation. They were able to provide a break-down of the National Wrestling Alliance singles tournament, which was won by **Masa Chono** when he defeated **Rick Rude** with a shoulder block off the top rope. As it was explained to me, **Keiji Muto** was originally scheduled to win the title, but too many Japanese fans knew, so the finish was changed. Also, **Hiroshi Hase** sustained a shoulder injury prior to the tournament and did not compete, giving **Terry Taylor** a first-round bye. The tournament might have been different with Hase participating. Hase, who apparently seperated his shoulder while administering a 40-spin giant spin, is expected to be out of action for about two months.

First-round matches saw **Shinya Hashimoto** d. **The Barbarian**, **Chono** d. **Tony Halme**, **Kensuke Sasaki** d. **Jim Neidhart** (said to be horrible), **Scott Norton** d. **Bam Bam Bigalow**, **Rude** d. **Super Strong Machine**, **Muto** d. **Barry Windham** and **Steve Austin** d. **Arn Anderson**. In the quarterfinals, **Muto** d. **Austin**, **Sasaki** d. **Taylor**, **Rude** d. **Hashimoto** and **Chono** d. **Norton**. **Rude** then defeated **Sasaki** and **Chono** d. **Muto** in a ****-star match.

• To compensate for not winning the NWA title, **Muto** captured the IWGP title (which is a much bigger deal) from **Riki Choshu**.

• Other interesting matches in Japan saw **Rick and Scott Steiner** win two matches, defeating **Choshu** and **Masa Saito** and **Tatsumi Fujinami-Takayuki Iizuka** (this match was not brutal at all, unlike the one at *Wrestle War*).

• **Meltzer** returns from Japan August 24, and should be mailing a Japanese-laden *Observer* a couple days afterward.

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Sheet Spotlight

Here's a look at the top stories of some of the other wrestling newsletters, with subscription information. Note to newsletter editors sending sample copies: I will provide one complimentary issue and analysis of your newsletter for each sent to me. If complimentary copies are available, please indicate. Also, please make sure subscription information and prices are clearly stated.

• **Wade Keller's Pro Wrestling Torch** (August 13): Report from Smokey Mountain's "Thunder on the Mountain" show August 8 in Johnson City, TN; Initial report on **Jerry Jarrett-Bret Hart** angle in Memphis; Word that **Ray Stevens** was hired by the WWF as a road agent; **Eliot Murnick** an event coordinator for WCW; Word from WCW executive vice president **Bill Watts** that WCW light-heavyweight title matches will eventually be one of the last three bouts on WCW cards; **Chris Zavisa** column comparing Watts and, egad, **Akira Maeda**; Regional and live reports from all over. Loaded issue. Weekly; \$1.25 an issue (Free sample available). P.O. Box 201844, Minneapolis MN 55420.

• **Steve Sims' Lucha Libre Weekly** (August 12): Exclusive story on a threatened wrestling strike in Mexico protesting the AAA; Reports from UWA, AAA, EMLL circuits; Mini-biography of luchador and *Three Count* subscriber **Vandal Drummond (Kurt Brown)**. (August 19): Word that Mexican wrestling legends **Mil Mascaras** and **El Canek** wrestled in a singles match in Japan for the first time ever (only the sixth meeting ever between the two). The result was a double disqualification; Word that **Ricky Boy**, **Super Halcon**, **Vicky Caranza**, **Casandra**, **La Briosa** and **La Marquesa** have jumped to AAA; EMLL and UWA reports; Mini-bio on **Emilio Charles Jr.** Weekly; \$1 an issue. 1427 West Dickens Ave., Chicago IL 60614-3003.

• **Ron Lemieux's Arena Report** (August 17): Ron's report from the WCW Jacksonville show August 15; Great report from **Mike Gunter** and **Tim Whitehead** on August 8 Smokey Mountain show; **Scott Hudson** report on the North Georgia Wrestling Association; Well-written **Jeff Bowdren** column. \$1 an issue; Bi-weekly. P.O. Box 952547, Lake Mary FL 32795-2547.

• **Dave Prazak's Outside Interference** (August 5): Transcript of **Randy Savage's** comments on anabolic steroids from the July 31 *Arsenio Hall Show*; An increase in WWF columns, thanks to **Prazak**, **Bill Strong** and **Dave Ihlenfeld**; Trivia page, offering practice at stumping friends and loved ones with wrestling questions. As usual, good reading. Bi-weekly; \$1.50 an issue. 2278 Hidden Creek Court, Lisle, IL 60532-1168.

• **John Arezzi's Pro Wrestling Spotlight Newsletter** (August 3): Transcript of May 24 interview by **Arezzi** with "Barney," the 15-year-old Long Island resident who claimed he was sexually molested by former WWF ring announcer **Mel Phillips**; **Donny Liabie's** memories of **Buddy Rogers**; Part 3 of an interview with *Wrestling Observer Newsletter* editor **Dave Meltzer**. Weekly; \$1.50 an issue (samples available). 136 N. Carll Ave., Suite 125, Babylon, NY 11702.

• Hot rumor has **Anderson** and **Eaton** out of WCW in January and trying to land spots in All Japan Pro Wrestling. If that comes about, expect **Anderson** and **Eaton** to join **Jim Cornette's** Smokey Mountain Wrestling.

• *Entertainment Tonight* is recording a segment on WCW announcer **Jesse Ventura**. Taping began at WCW's August 16 television taping in the Omni.

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'Tics-Bodies a Heavenly Main Event

Tim Whitehead attended Smokey Mountain Wrestling's "Fire on the Mountain" card August 8 in Johnson City, Tenn. The following is his report.

1) **Danny Davis** d. **Joe Cazana** with a neckbreaker (*); 2) **Dutch Mantell** d. **Hector Guerrero** by pulling Guerrero's tights (*); 3) **Killer Kyle** d. **Dixie Dyn-O-Mite (Scott Armstrong)** in a taped fist match. Kyle tossed salt in 'Mite's eyes and flattened him with a taped fist to the jaw (*1/2); **Tim Horner** d. **Buddy Landell** via submission in an "I Quit" match. This was slow-paced with lots of submission rest holds, but there was lots of crowd heat, and Landell was hilarious. Horner locked Landell in a version of the STF. The referee asked Budro if he submitted, and he said, "Yes." Landell complained afterward that he didn't specifically say "I Quit." He told the referee, "I thought you asked if I was handsome, so I said 'yes.'" (**).

4) **Ron Garvin** d. **Paul Orndorff** via reversed decision disqualification in a "piledriver match" (you could only cover your opponent for a pin following a piledriver, a move which is normally banned in SMW). There was enormous heat for this match, with Orndorff carrying the bout and playing the crowd. Following a referee bump, Orndorff knocked Garvin out with brass knuckles. Orndorff then revived the referee, told him he had piledriven Garvin and went for the pin. As Orndorff was being declared the victor, Davis ran in and finked to the referee about the brass knuckles. The referee reversed the decision, and Orndorff squashed Davis with an awesome piledriver (***); 5) **The Rock -n- Roll Express (Ricky Morton-Robert Gibson)** defeated **Jimmy Golden-Robert Fuller**. This was another hot match with non-stop action. Gibson covered Golden for the pin, but Fuller sneaked in and reversed it, putting Golden on top. Morton then reversed that, allowing Gibson to get the pin. Afterward, the heels destroyed the Express and left them laying (***1/2); 6) **Dirty White Boy** d. **Brian Lee** to capture the SMW title. White Boy would have to leave SMW if he would have lost this match. Lee was on the offense most of the match, with DWB selling like crazy. The end came when Lee covered DWB for what looked to be the victory, but manager **Ron Wright** distracted the referee by faking a heart attack. **The Mongolian Mauler** (some fans thought it was **Mondo Kleen**, but I'm pretty sure it was Mauler) then ran in and clotheslined Lee. The referee returned to action, saw DWB on top of Lee and counted to three (**1/4); 7) **The Fantastics (Jackie and Bobby Fulton)** d. **The Heavenly Bodies (Stan Lane-Tom Pritchard)** in a quadruple-juice barbed wire cage match to capture the SMW tag-team titles. This was a fantastic match, with as much heat as any match I've ever

seen. All four wrestlers juiced from cuts from the barbed wire. **Jim Cornette** taunted the crowd in classic fashion. Special referee **Bob Armstrong** sent Cornette back to the dressing room after he tossed talcum powder in Bobby Fulton's eyes. Later, Cornette sneaked back to ringside and tossed Pritchard his tennis racket. Armstrong also grabbed hold of the racket, and the two had a tug-of-war over it. Armstrong let go of the racket and Pritchard staggered backward, allowing Bobby Fulton to roll him up for the pin. Afterward, Cornette entered the ring and threw a great tantrum. Fans began hurling cups of soda into the ring. When the cups landed, the plastic tops would pop off and soda would splatter everywhere. Cornette began hitting them in mid-air with his racket, which splattered soda all over the front row, including me (****).

Notes: This was the best live show I've seen in a long time. I listened to what the people around me were saying. At the last WCW card in the area, there were a ton of no-shows and everyone was complaining about the card. I didn't hear a single negative comment about this card, and everyone I talked with loved it. An old man sitting behind me said, "Now this is what I call a wrestling card!" I certainly agreed with him.

• Super correspondent **Danny Parris** continues his non-stop attendance of wrestling cards in the Carolinas with the following report:

Continental Wrestling Federation drew 65 fans to Lancaster, SC, July 31 as **Rebel Stud** d. **Scotty Piper** (*), **The Gravedigger** d. **Billy Lobo** (DUD), **Wildman Darrell** d. **Nasty Cat** (who sometimes works as **Kamala III**; *), **Mike Somaini** d. **Kenny B** (*1/2), **Buddy Shane** d. **Jimmy Valentine** (claiming to be **Greg Valentine's** son; 1/2*) ... CWF Promoter **Rusty Lane** says he will bring in name main-eventers soon, and will also try to get a television spot ... The United States Wrestling Federation drew 233 fans August 1 in Union, SC. Results saw **Wild Child** d. **Cruel Connection No. 1** (**Willie Clay**; DUD), **Funktown Kid-Black Scorpion** d. **The Desperados** (1/2*), **Shai Taylor** (a woman wrestler) d. **Connection** (1/2*); **J.W. and S.W. Steele** d. **Beast Master (Rick Link)-L.A. Stevens** (*), **Jimmy Valiant** d. **Ivan Koloff** via DQ in 5:21 when Uncle Ivan used his chain ... The Pro Wrestling Federation (promoted by **Italian Stallion** and **George South**) drew 55 fans August 6 in Kings Mountain, NC. Results saw **Randy Sledge** d. **Green Machine** (DUD), **Austin Steele** d. **Krazy Kane** (*), **Hillbilly Louie** d. **Russian Assassin (Mark Cantaberry**; 1/2*), **Killdozer** d. **Billy Diamond** (1/2*), **Chief Jay Eagle** d. **The Texas Outlaw** (*), **The Harlem Knights** d. **The Demon (Sledge)-T.J. Maverick** (*1/2), **Killdozer** won a 7-man battle royal (*), **American G.I.-Stallion** d. **South-Cantaberry** (*1/2).

Roberts-Sting Angle Hot in Jax

One of the things I really enjoy about being in Gainesville is attending World Championship Wrestling shows in Jacksonville. And it's not because I'm all that crazy about WCW. The Wendy's Super Bar in Starke is pretty good (we don't have any in Gainesville) and meeting with **Ron Lemieux** and **Chris Qualmann** is a load of fun. I attended the August 15 card at the Jacksonville Coliseum with high expectations, and wasn't all that disappointed. The following is a run down of the card, which was attended by 6,500 people (kids were let in free if

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attending with a breathing adult lacking teeth, which there seem to be a lot of in Jacksonville).

1) **Scotty Flamingo** defeated **Michael Hayes** after blocking a DDT and holding onto Hayes' trunks for leverage. This is going to sound weird, but I enjoyed this match. Hayes may not be **Jushin Lyger** in the ring, but he certainly knows how to work a crowd. Actually, Hayes is now more like **Jimmy Valiant** than Lyger. I also never realized just how short Scotty is. **Grade: ****

2) **Junkyard Dog-Curtis Hughes** d. **Vinnie Vegas-Diamond Dallas Page** via disqualification. It's hard to believe, but Dog looks physically great. Unfortunately, he wrestling hasn't improved much since dropping more than 50 pounds. The weight must have gone to Hughes, as he is substantially obese. However, Hughes can still deliver a credible dropkick. With his beard, Page looks like a younger, saner version of **David Shultz**. Vegas (like many others on the card) looks substantially smaller than he did a few months ago. Must be a shortage of ICO-Pro in WCW. Anyway, this match was all comedy the first five minutes and got even funnier when Vegas forgot to kick Dog when he was coming off the ropes. JYD stumbled forward as if hit, which he wasn't, and then hugged Page and dragged him down with a chinlock. Ron and I were roaring when talking about this during intermission. They got it right on the second try. The timing remained horrid even at the finish, when Hughes had Page pinned and Vegas barely made the save (all the fans thought the match had ended in a pinfall). Everyone began brawling immediately afterward, with the babyfaces eventually clearing the ring. **Grade: DUD for match; 1/2* for unintentional humor.**

3) **Cactus Jack** defeated **Jimmy Garvin** with his DDT variation. Referee **Randy Anderson** wouldn't be called "Pee Wee" if more fans looked at his beer gut.

Cactus appeared to legitimately scare the daylights out of ring announcer/Spanish teacher **Gary Cappetta** by throwing a chair at him during pre-match introductions. That was the highlight of the match, except for the father who told his son (returning from the bathroom) affectionately about the Jack spit-spot. Oh, I love Jacksonville. **Grade: DUD.**

4) **The Barbarian** d. **Brian Pillman** after catching the grounded one with a boot to the chest. Barbarian was simply awful, and the match was very boring (Ron and I were sitting on opposite ends of our section and made hand motions at each other throughout the match to keep amused). Pillman got up so quickly after the finish he almost beat Barbarian getting back to the dressing room. **Grade: DUD.**

5) After intermission came the best match of the night. **Barry Windham-Dustin Rhodes** defeated **Greg Valentine-Dick Slater** when Rhodes pinned Valentine with a bulldog off the ropes. The finish looked great. Remember at the end of Valentine's WWF stint how he wouldn't protect his opponent on suplexes? Well, during a double-team suplex on Rhodes with Slater, he did the same thing. The result was a minor concussion for Rhodes. **Grade: ***1/2.**

6) **Steve Austin** and **Ricky Steamboat** fought to a 15-minute draw (not sure of exactly how long the match was slated as being, but there was no way it was 20 more than that). This was disappointing, as I was expecting a ****-star match (I'd rate it at **1/2). They went to the near falls too late in the match. Just how over is **Paul E. Dangerously**? He did almost nothing in the match, yet from the five-minute mark on, fans would chant "Paul E. sucks" whenever there was a lull in the match. Oh well. I'm sure Paul will at least make **Vince McMahon** make a lot of money and get treated like a human being. Steamboat's ribs were taped (The result of an injury sustained against **Steve Williams** at the Great American Bash pay-per-view show).

7) **Jake Roberts** and **Sting** fought to a no contest. I know some people are not going to like hearing this, but even with **Bill Watts** in charge, WCW has a long way to go. Almost every match on the undercard was different from the line-up given in the WCW Magazines sold at the arena. This match wasn't even announced as happening on television apparently. I drove for 75 minutes looking forward to seeing this match. I'm sure other fans would drive a similar distance to see it as well, but WCW didn't even let them know it was going to happen. Anyway, Roberts got a huge pop, as did Sting. After a hot brawling start, the match turned into a solid **1/2-star effort with a **** finish. Sting gains an advan-

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tage and throws Roberts into the corner. En route to attempting a Stinger splash, Roberts pulls referee Randy Anderson in the corner. Sting squashes the referee. As Sting checks on the ref's condition, Roberts waits for him to turn around. Jake then DDTs Sting, and the Coliseum is going berserk.

It gets better. Jake looks at Sting, looks at Anderson and gets a devilish grin on his face. He grabs the ring ropes, and kicks Anderson in the back and out of the ring. Jake, with tremendous dramatic flair, then goes outside the ring, grabs a chair and lays it in the middle of the ring. He then picks up Sting and is about to DDT him on the chair when **Nikita Koloff** comes out and attacks Jake. Cactus Jack then emerges and whacks Nikita in the back with a chair. Jack then holds out Koloff's right arm and Roberts hits it with the chair. Sting then makes the save.

8) **Rick Rude** defeated Koloff after hitting the shrinking Lithuanian with brass knuckles. If this match was any indication, Koloff is not over at all. Rude came out, grabbed the microphone and said that because of what happened, it was obvious Koloff couldn't wrestle, but he would take off his robe for the women in attendance anyway. As he does, Koloff emerges from the back (his left arm wrapped), attacks Rude and the match was underway. After two minutes, the Coliseum was silent. There was just no heat. Either Koloff isn't over or they didn't explain the angle well enough. **Grade: *1/2.**

9) **Ron Simmons** defeated **Big Van Vader** in the main event. Simmons was over really big with the fans. Simmons will help if WCW is looking to draw African-American fans to the arenas, but I do not think he is the cure-all. Vader is really enjoyable to watch, and is neck-and-neck with Rude for best heel in the U.S. this year. Ron had a great line when he said **Harley Race** looked like **Colonel Sanders** of Kentucky Fried Chicken fame. The finish came when Race jumped on the ring apron after Simmons covered Vader following a botched spinebuster. Simmons tossed Race in the ring, but got hit from behind by Vader. As Race was on all fours trying to recover, Vader threw Simmons into the ropes. Simmons surprised Vader with a cross-body block, with Vader tripping backward over Race, and got the pin. **Grade: ***.**

Post-match notes: WCW returns September 26, and should do well. They have a "Back to School" promotion (even though school starts more than a month earlier) with the first 2,000 kids getting WCW pouches (they're small, but they can still fit most of the money from WCW's house shows). No line-up was announced, but I figure Roberts-Jack vs. Koloff-Sting ... The gate was about \$37,000 ... Paul E. Dangerously and I attempted barging our way onto **John Arezzi's** Wrestling Insiders show after the matches. Arezzi was supposed to have **Larry Zbyszko** on as a guest, and Paul was going to

surprise him. Instead, Zbyszko no-showed and **Bruno Sammartino** was the only guest. We weren't able to get through, but Arezzi ended his show by saying Alex Marvez of **Three Count** was calling with a special report. Geez, sounds like an inadvertent wrestling angle to get fans to tune in the next week ... Congratulations to Ron, who won a WCW contest to serve as a guest ring announcer for the next WCW Jacksonville show and the Sept. 25 card in St. Petersburg. Ron will get paid \$150 to announce one match on each show. I guess kissing

Dennis Brent's ass really does pay off (just kidding, sort-of).

• **Other Florida news:** **Larry Sharpe's** WWA had a very interesting telecast on WTTA in Tampa on August 22. Matches from **Lei Maivia's** defunct Hawaiian promotion were shown, with matches including **Bruiser Brody** vs. **Killer Khan**, a battle royal with a mobile **Andre the Giant** and **Hayes** vs. **Kevin Von Erich**. In the background commentary, the announcers were talking about **Dusty Rhodes** and **Magnum T.A.** coming in to Hawaii



A battle royal featuring **Andre the Giant** from Hawaii in the mid-1980s was shown August 23 on **Larry Sharpe's** WWA telecast in Tampa on WTTA. Photo: File art.

... Sharpe's first major area show is Sept. 19 at the Hillsborough Community College with **Jerry Lawler** vs. **Eddie Gilbert** in the main event. **Mark Starr** and **Firecat** (**Brady Boone**) are also on the bill ... Suncoast Pro Wrestling also is promoting September 19 at the Manatee County Civic Center in Bradenton, headlining with **Dean Malenko** vs. **The Masked Superstar** in a steel cage as the main event. It is the first steel cage match in Suncoast history. Also on the show, **El Loco** (Suncoast owner **Henry Raines** in his heel persona) battles **Jose Lopez**

Rob Van Dam won the International Wrestling Federation television title on August 23 from **Kevin Catlin** in a tournament. The match was the highlight of a television taping at Universal Studios in Orlando that, I was told, featured great television production but poor work rate ... **Penelope Paradise** appears on the road to recovery from a kidney ailment. She worked the weekend of August 23 in Jamaica, but was stranded in the country for a few extra days because of Hurricane Andrew.

Sicodelico Turn Spices up AAA

We are going to get caught up this week with all the Galavision telecasts, so my report is bigger than usual this week. We will eliminate some of the match description for the August 2 and August 9 shows for space purposes. The August 2 AAA show was very good. In fact, this show will go down in Mexican history for an incident that took place with **Konnan** (Editor's note: Because we have spelled Konnan's name 165 different ways in the past, we have settled upon this current spelling) that has never been seen in Mexico. You can begin

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feeling the influence of American wrestling and **Vince McMahon** on AAA owner **Antonio Pena**. But I liked this angle very much, and have always thought that Mexico needed to have some angles played out on its telecasts. Almost always, there are only wrestling matches. Onto the show:

1) **Psicosis-Mr. Condor-El Indomitro** (rudos) lost to **Thunderbird-Rey Misterio Jr.-Super Kiss** (technicos) in two-of-three falls. People should take notice of Indomitro, as the guy is a fantastic heel who builds tremendous heat. If he keeps it up, he will soon be on **Cien Caras'** level. After splitting the first two falls, the rudos were disqualified in the third when Indomitro handcuffed Misterio to the ring ropes and gave him the beating of his life.

2) **Konnan-Perro Aguayo-El Sicodelico** (technicos) defeated **Caras-Angel Blanco Jr.-Mascara Año 2000** (rudos) via disqualification. Needless to say, this was an all-out brawl. But it took a very different turn because Sicodelico (the legitimate brother of famous luchador **Mil Mascaras** and a long-time tecnico) would not battle the rudos after the first fall. Before the match began, **El Cobarde** (Konnan's nemesis) appeared in the rudos corner. Sicodelico was pinned by Blanco and the other technicos could not answer the count in the first fall. Cobarde became involved in the match in the second fall. It ended with Konnan pinning Año 2000 and Aguayo pinning Blanco. At this point, Sicodelico walked back to the dressing room (turning heel). As he was leaving, Sicodelico walked past Indomitro, who was in the crowd watching. Konnan, who was trying to make Cobarde leave, then spotted Indomitro in the crowd and pulled him out. Indomitro handed his handcuffs to Cobarde, who then sucker punched Konnan, who immediately collapsed as if he was shot. All five rudos then attacked

Aguayo and a team of paramedics came to take Konnan away. This angle was so hard-core, they put an IV in Konnan's arm and the rudos knocked him off a stretcher. There was about to be a riot by the fans in the arena, but Pena came out to stop the heels from beating on Konnan. Pena even punched Cobarde. Indomitro was fantastic here tipping Konnan's stretcher.

3) **Universo 2000** defeated **Mascara Sagrada** in two-of-three falls. Universo was seconded by brother Caras and Sagrada by Sicodelico (so guess who didn't get any help?). After Sagrada won the first fall with a figure-four variation and bridge and had Universo in a submission hold in the second, Sicodelico had the referee's attention as Caras kicked Sagrada in the head. Needless to say, Universo took the fall. That momentum carried into the third fall, as Sagrada submitted to a quebradora (a hold that puts great pressure on the arms and back). Caras did play a big part in the fall and Sicodelico would not help Sagrada, making the victory look cheap.

Now, onto the AAA Galavision show from August 9 (which was great from top to finish):

1) **Technicos Volador-El Misterioso-Panterita del Ring** defeated **Tony Arce-Vulcano-Jerry Estrada** (rudos) in two-of-three falls. After splitting the first two falls, Panterita pinned team captain Estrada in the third to end the match. A very good match.

2) **Psicosis-Heavy Metal (Erick Casas)-Mr. Condor** defeated **Winners-Super Calo-Misterio Jr.** in two-of-three falls. Winners and Calo have a fantastic ring introduction with some gorgeous girls who dance with them. Psicosis improves every week and Metal was great. The third fall was highlighted by Misterio's back flip off the top rope outside the ring, where he lands on the floor after Metal moved away. This is regarded as the best flip of 1992. Condor pinned Winners (the tecnico team captain) to end the match.

3) This was a hair vs. hair match between mid-gets **Jerrito Estrada** (with **Jerry Estrada** in his corner) against **Piratita Morgan** (with no one in his corner). This bout was exciting, but for two rudos battling, Morgan came across as the tecnico because he had no one in his corner and Estrada is so much bigger. Plus, in the third fall, Morgan not only had to worry about the larger Estrada's interference, referee **El Tirantes'** began showing bias toward the other rudo. Morgan finally submitted and got his head shaved.

4) Konnan and Aguayo were able to gain some

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revenge on Sicodelico. They gave him another chance and teamed with him to face **Fishman**-Caras-Cobarde. Konnan did return from the dead after the previous week's injury. After the rudos took the first fall, something unexpected happened in the second fall. Sicodelico entered the ring and was embarrassed by Cobarde and Fishman. When Sicodelico attempted to shake Caras' hand, the rudo clobbered him. The reason for this was Caras has his own code of honor, and by teaming with the technicos, Sicodelico was a traitor. The other rudos then began beating on Sicodelico as the technicos looked on. When the rudos were done, they battled Konnan and Aguayo and won. Fishman pinned Aguayo and Cobarde and Caras made Konnan submit. After the match, Konnan and Aguayo pounded on Sicodelico, ending with Sicodelico's mask getting ripped off and the technicos cleaning their noses and boots with it.

And the AAA Galavision show from August 16:

1) The rudo team of **La Rosa-Baby Sharon-Brazo de Platino** lost to **El Giro-El Colorado-El Halcon 78** by disqualification in a two-of-three fall bout. The technicos all had chicken/bird masks and rudos Sharon and Rosa (who do an effeminate gimmick) were accompanied to the ring by a skinny, oiled man in a skimpy bathing suit. The crowd was in an uproar over the rudos' entrance. Halcon 78 pinned Rosa in the first fall and none of the other rudos were able to answer the count. In the second fall, Sharon pinned Halcon, Platino pinned Colorado and Giro was left out of action outside the ring. In the third fall, Platino kicked Halcon in the groin. Referee El Tirantes tried to ignore the foul, but it was too blatant and he was forced to call for the disqualification.

2) **El Picudo-Mr. Condor-Psicosis** (rudos) defeated **Misterio Jr.-Katana-Kendo Star** (technicos) in three falls. This was the second match on the show, but was good enough to be the main event. One of the strangest things I have ever seen, though, occurred during this match between two wrestlers who are feuding -- Condor and Misterio. Condor partially ripped Misterio's mask, revealing how young the tecnico is. The announcers then became particularly critical of Misterio, asking what a kid is doing in the ring. They even went as far as asking kids not imitate him, because Misterio has been wrestling since he was a child (because of his father). In the first fall, Katana pinned Picudo, Kendo pinned Psicosis and Misterio kept Condor from entering the ring. Things were evened when the rudos triple-teamed Katana into a submission, Psicosis and Picudo made Kendo submit and Condor made Misterio submit. The third fall was so wild, highlighted by Psicosis being thrown into the seventh row of ringside seating. Just when it looked like the technicos would take this fall, Condor power bombed Misterio for the rudo victory. There might be a mask vs. mask match between Condor

and Misterio next week.

3) This match featured a fantastic ring introduction. **Michael Jackson's Thriller** blared through the arena as two coffins were carried to the ring. From one of them emerged **Karis the Mummy**, but he wasn't the important one. Out of the other popped out **Espectrito**, the real son of the original **Espectro (Antonio Hernandez)**. In other words, the Espectros who work for the rival EMLL group should not use the name based on lineage. Anyway, the fancy ring introduction did not help the rudos any as **Angel Azteca-Super Muneco-Solar** defeated **Karis-Espectro-La Parca** in three falls. The first fall: Solar pinned Espectrito, Azteca pinned Karis and Muneco forced Parca to not answer the count. Second fall: Karis pinned Azteca, and all three rudos pinned Muneco and Solar. Third fall: Solar pinned team captain Parca, ending the match.

4) This match had the potential for greatness, but for some reason, was squeezed into a 10-minute bout. **The Dynamite Brothers** (Caras-Universo 2000-Mascara Año 2000) defeated **Konnan-Tineblas-Sicodelico** (yes, the technicos were stupid enough to let him come back *again*, according to the storyline). This was obviously a bizarre match, as Sicodelico again turned on his teammates. Sicodelico attempted hitting Konnan, but instead clocked referee **Pepe Casas**, causing the technicos to get disqualified in the first fall. Sicodelico jumped Tineblas in the second fall, ripping off half his mask. Sicodelico then attacked Konnan, but he, in turn, was attacked by the rudos! This was pretty amazing, as at one point, Konnan was teaming with The Dynamite Brothers to kick Sicodelico. The rudos eventually turned their attention to Konnan (the team captain) and pinned him, ending the match. The show went off the air with Konnan and Tineblas clobbering Sicodelico.

Briefly

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- **John Arezzi** has taken over the Wrestling Insiders slot on the nationally syndicated Sports and Entertainment radio network. Former host **Mike Tenay** left the show because of a financial dispute. Arezzi is maintaining his 11-11:30 p.m. slot on New York's WEVD-AM as well, and has a fans convention on August 29-30 at the Ramada Hotel at New York's LaGuardia Airport. Appearing are **Jushin Liger, Bruno Sammartino, Larry Zbyszko, Lou Albano, Uncle Ivan Koloff, Jimmy Valiant, Eddie Gilbert, Killer Kowalski, Wendi Richter** and **Nicolai Volkoff**. Admission is \$7 a day, \$5 for children under 12. Call John at 516-587-2861 for more information.

- **Kerry Von Erich** is a late addition to Arezzi's

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Simmons, Flair, SMW Angles Great

This issue, we have an extended television round-up to try and catch-up. The process will continue until we are up-to-date for Issue 47. Anyone wishing to contribute a television report from an area not covered under this report can call Alex Marvez.

World Championship Wrestling Highlights (Weekend of August 1)

- A fast-paced tag team match where **Terry Taylor** and **Scotty Flamingo** took on **Tom Zenk** and **Marcus Alexander Bagwell**. Bagwell pinned Taylor (in his final WCW appearance) following a Zenk superkick. All four men worked hard to make it a good match (WCW Saturday Night).

- **Ron Simmons** gave possibly his best interview ever. He

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talked about his work with inner-city youths, his football career, his future goals and how he plans to attain them, etc... This interview was above and beyond anything I would expect from a Florida State University graduate (WCW SN).

- Good interviews by both **Cactus Jack** and **Brian Pillman**. Cactus talked about how he softened up **Sting** for **Big Van Vader** and how he feels that he should, in return, get a title shot. Pillman said that he was hoping to put a solid winning streak together to gain a light-heavyweight title shot (WCW SN).

- A great segment where **Rick Rude** got in **Bill Watts'** face protesting the "fine" he had just received for his part in the previous week's locker room brawl with **Nikita Koloff**. Rude also demanded a world title shot (WCW SN).

- Two matches with **Steve Austin**. The first was on WCW World Wide Wrestling against Zenk, which he won with a stun gun. The second was on WCW SN against **Ricky Steamboat**. In this match, which greatly stressed the new hold-oriented submission style of WCW, Steamboat pinned Austin by using an object **Paul E. Dangerously** threw into the ring intended for Austin. But, the referee saw the object wrapped around Steamboat's hand and disqualified him. After the match, Dangerously gave a hot interview (finally, the big cowboy let him speak) talking about a possible future alliance between **Steve Williams**, **Terry Gordy** and himself.

(Weekend of 8/8)

- The footage of Simmons defeating Vader for the WCW title. From the highlights shown, it looked like a very good match. The fans really popped for the finish. I haven't seen that much genuine crowd emotion from a WCW show in years. Simmons' post-match actions made it appear he had finally achieved the goal he had spent his entire life training for. His joy seemed very real. It was very believable ... and that is what made it special (WCW SN).

- The angle leading into Vader vs. Simmons was also well done. For those who haven't seen, it began with a pretty good match between Koloff and Rude. Late in the match came your traditional referee bump (which was a lowlight). Cactus hit the ring with a chair and clobbered Koloff. Sting, who was doing color commentary, ran to the ring and made the save. A melee then ensued, highlighted by Cactus taking a brutal chair shot in the face from Sting and Sting holding Rude above his head in a press-slam position for more than 30 seconds before gingerly depositing him outside the ring. **Jake**

Roberts slithered his way through the audience and attacked **Sting**, who was hit with a chair and a short-arm clothesline. The Stinger then got DDT'd on a chair twice and was carried off (WCW ME).

- **Bobby Eaton** and **Arn Anderson** defeated **Pillman** and **Larry Zbyszko** when Zbyszko submitted to an armbar. This was to give the impression Zbyszko had broken his arm (he will now become a commentator until Watts decides to bring him back into the ring). This helped to give Eaton and Anderson some much needed momentum as a new version of the Minnesota Wrecking Crew-type tag-team (WCW SN).

- A good video on Simmons that began with highlights of his football career culminating with his world title victory (WCW ME).

- An effective interview with **Dangerously**, **Williams** and **Gordy** explaining Doc and Gordy had hired **The Dangerous Alliance** to eliminate **Rick and Scott Steiner** while they were touring Japan. Dangerously was great, Gordy decent and Williams didn't embarrass himself (WCW SN).

Lowlights (8/1)

- Williams' half of an interview Gordy and he conducted with **Jim Ross**. Gordy was fine when he was talking about how Doc and he are the only men in the world who would ever have a shot at defeating Vader. Then he gave Williams the microphone, and all sorts of unintelligible rambling occurred (WCW SN).

- The entire WCW main event telecast. The only good thing about the show was the new background setting on "The Ross Report." The telecast consisted only of squashes, and rehashes of the **Rude-Koloff** brawl and **The Barbarian-Dick Slater** U.S. tag-team title victory over **The Jobbirds**, err, **Freebirds**.

(Weekend of 8/8)

- **Tony Schiavone** and **Magnum T.A.** stated a couple of times on WCW ME that the **Rude-Koloff** match would be shown in its entirety. It wasn't. They began airing the match from the point where Koloff was on the arena floor and Rude was gloating.

- The "lottery" to determine who would fight Vader in Baltimore. It doesn't do WCW's credibility much good to have **Van Hammer** and **Danny Spivey** in their list of Top 10 contenders when they have no build-up.

Somewhere in between (8/1)

- A good brawl between **The Steiners** and **Williams-Gordy** that was too short. Had it been longer, it more than likely would have been a highlight (WCW SN).

- A match between **Williams** and **Jimmy Garvin**. Doc pinned Garvin after using the **Oklahoma stampede** after ring announcer **Tony Gillam** had mistakenly already declared Doc the



Dick Slater circa 1975.
Photo: Dr. Mike Lano.

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winner (WCW SN).

(Weekend of 8/8)

• WCW ME featured a match between **Dustin Rhodes** and **Slater** that was average. Rhodes won with an inside cradle when **Barry Windham** and **Ole Anderson** finked to the referee that Slater had obtained an earlier pinfall with help from **Greg Valentine**.

What was said (8/1)

• "Let's hook 'em up" -- Once by Watts and once by Ross (WCW SN).

• "... one of the all-time greats and an athlete that everybody can respect." -- Watts talking about **Bruno Sammartino** (WCW SN).

• "Someone once told me, 'To be the man, you've got to beat the man.'" Well, Rick Rude, you are the man, and I intend to beat you." -- Koloff (WCW SN).

• "Cactus Jack -- world champion. It's got a nice ring to it. Bang! Bang!" -- Cactus Jack (WCW SN). (8/8)

• "What you're looking at is the original Dream Team." -- Valentine, referring to himself and Slater. Yeah, I thought it was funny, too (WCW SN).

• "You know how long I've waited for this? If it's going down, let's get it on." -- Simmons after winning the "lottery" that gave him a title shot at Vader (WCW World Wide).

• "He's cocky 24 hours a day" -- Sting about Rude during the Rude-Koloff bout (WCW ME).

• "Na na na na. Na na na na. Hey, hey, hey ... Good-bye!" -- The first few rows of fans at the Baltimore Arena when Sting was being carried out on a stretcher (WCW ME).

Must be seen to be believed (8/8)

• The **Junkyard Dog** has actually added to his repertoire of head-butts the Russian leg sweep.

Must be seen to be believed Part II (8/8)

• JYD almost looks tiny next to his tag-team partner, **Curtis Hughes**.

Are you watching Hulkster? (8/8)

• After delivering two DDTs, Roberts dropped a crucifix on the fallen Stinger. Later, in an interview with **Jesse Ventura**, Roberts said, "I'm sick of hearing that all they got to do is say their prayers, eat their vitamins and train."

World Wrestling Federation

Highlights (Weekend of 8/1)

• **Randy Savage's** appearance July 31 on *The Arsenio Hall Show*. Savage was funny and definitely a crowd favorite. He was also very honest about his past dealings with anabolic steroids. Savage said he had used them in the past, but that they were not worth it because they gave him a "serious case of PMS" (I wonder if the Immortal Hulk Hogan was watching and taking notes)?

• A decent interview with **The Undertaker** and **Paul Bearer** hyping The "Taker's Summer Slam match with **Kamala** (Superstars).

• An interview with **The Big Boss Man** from "WWF affiliate WGXA in Macon, Ga." This was not quite on the level with the excellent interview Boss Man did on Superstars three weeks earlier, but it was very good nonetheless. He stressed he was going to get **Nailz** back for the beating he received (Prime Time Wrestling).

• A hilarious Slam promo showing people breaking down the Berlin wall to get to Slam. It also showed numerous world leaders (**George Bush**, **Boris Yeltsin**, **Jack Tunney**, etc.) preparing to attend

the sold-out show as well (PTW).

(Weekend of 8/8)

• An interview segment with **The Ultimate Warrior** was interrupted by **Ric Flair**. The Warrior was rambling per usual when Flair came out and performed his magic (not voodoo). Flair, very eloquently, explained to Warrior that Savage had spent the entire week negotiating to have **Mr. Perfect** in his corner at Slam. He did, however, let Warrior know that no deal had been struck and if he wanted Perfect in his corner, he could call and make an offer. Flair then walked away, and Warrior said he would do anything to win (All).

• A good skit involving **Rick Martel** walking to ringside during a **Shawn Michaels** squash and giving **Sensational Sherri** a wink. She then looked up at Michaels in the ring to see if he was paying attention. When she saw he wasn't, she winked back (PTW).

Lowlights (8/1)

• A PTW match between Martel and **Sergeant Slaughter**. Martel won the bout after hitting Slaughter with his container of Arrogance. This was a boring stall-a-thon.

• The return of **Jamison**. 'Nuff said (PTW).

(Weekend of 8/8)

• A match on PTW involving **The Bushwhackers** against **The Nasty Boys**. You would think this match would have at least a few good comedy spots. It didn't. The 'Whackers won via disqualification, in case you cared.

Somewhere in between (8/1)

• The best **Razor Ramone** promo video I have ever seen. This is such a dumb character, however. I thought the **Diamond Studd** character **Scott Hall** played was better than this one, but bot nearly as well promoted (PTW).

(Weekend of 8/8)

• An average match on PTW with **The British Bulldog** defeating **Repo Man** with a power slam. This match was obviously shown to get Bulldog over as a legitimate threat to **Bret Hart's** Intercontinental title. It was also a nice pay back or Bulldog, who did a job last year at this time for **Colonel Mustafa** to get him over for Slam.

What was said (8/1)

• "When you're as cool as me, the heat doesn't affect you." -- **Mark Clayton** of the Miami Dolphins during a WWF special look at some of the team's training hints on PTW (Editor's note: They do not include ICO-Pro).

• "For the death of me, I can't understand why, why **Harvey Whippleman** would want **Kamala** to step into the ring with my Undertaker." -- Bearer (Superstars).

• " (Sean) Mooney, do you and McMahon buy your hairpieces in the same store?" -- Mr. Perfect when interrupting a Summer Slam event center (PTW).

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• "Mooney -- You and Sherri were seen coming out of a London hotel and you, uh, had some make-up on your shins." -- **Bobby Heenan** (PTW).

• "Come Summer Slam, I'm going to be World Wrestling Federation champ ..." Flair to Warrior (all).

• "Come Summer Slam Bret Hart, the families will re-unite when the better man wins." Bulldog on PTW. But Davey Boy, is the best man really going to win?

• "He's still the first man in the dressing room and the last to leave" -- **Lord Alfred Hayes** about **Iron Mike Sharpe** (PTW).

• "Do you know what I didn't like about the Olympics?

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There wasn't enough midget wrestling." -- Heenan (PTW).

- "I've got some good news! (George) Steinbrenner was re-instated!" -- Heenan (PTW).

An oddity

- Long-time WCW referee **Bill "The Rat" Alfonso** was the official for the Body Star Wars (won by the WWF performers).

Only in the WWF

- Isn't it kind of strange to hear fans cheering so loudly for an Undertaker, an **Earthquake** and a **Typhoon**?

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U.S.W.A.

(Highlight from weekend of July 25)

(Tapes provided by Brian Pruett)

- A good brawl between **The Moondogs** and **Jeff Jarrett-Jerry Lawler**. This happened immediately after Jarrett and Lawler finished a match with jobbers **Mike Miller** and **Jeff Daniels**. The 'Dogs hit the ring carrying a "DEAD END" street sign, their bone and chair. They used these objects to obliterate Lawler and Jarrett.

- **Eddie Gilbert** and **Ricky Morton** interviews about each other and a short brawl they had with each other. This likely built a great deal of anticipation among fans for their upcoming match.

(Weekend of 8/1)

- The 'Dogs attacked Lawler and Jarrett with their new preferred sign, this one reading "STOP" during a Lawler-Jarrett match against **The New Fabulous Fargos**. When The 'Dogs stormed the ring, the fargos took off and a wild four-way melee ensued. At one point, Jarrett got the sign and slammed it hard twice into **Cujo's** head.

- A pretty good match between **Brian Christopher** and **The Gilberts** against **Hornet-Tony Williams-Larry Williams**, ending with Tony Williams getting pinned by Eddie Gilbert.

What was said (7/25)

- "Why don't you do like **Ross Perot** and pull on out of here?" -- Gilbert to promoter **Eddie Marlin**.

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- "I want everyone to know we are proclaiming this "Hot Stuff" Eddie Gilbert day!" -- Gilbert.

- "I know the **Rock -n- Roll Express** broke up for a while, and I know it was all my fault ..." -- Morton.

- "I was kickin' butt and takin' names when your Moondogs wasn't nothin' but puppies." -- Referee **Frank Morrell** to Moondog manager **Richard Lee**.

Notable (8/1)

- **Miss Texas'** punches appear 10-times more realistic than any punch **Rick Steiner** has ever thrown. This was very evident in the one-sided brawl she had with **Lauren Davenport** on the show.

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Smokey Mountain Wrestling

(Highlights from weekend of August 2)

(Report by Tim Whitehead)

- A Down and Dirty With Dutch (Mantell) segment with **Robert Fuller** and **Jimmy Golden** following a squash victory over **Ben Jordan** and **Richie Dye** (ending with a Fuller chicken-wing on Dye). The video showed Fuller on a ranch with two new born ponies named **Ricky** and **Robert** (i.e. **Ricky Morton** and **Robert Gibson**). He boasted that he beat the two ponies, and afterward, they put their heads on his lap and looked up at him as if to say, "I love you." Golden then said the same thing would happen when they beat the Express, and that Morton and Golden would place their heads on the laps of Fuller and Golden and say, "I love you." No, **Pat Patterson** is not

booking **Smokey Mountain Wrestling**.

- To promote a **Heavenly Bodies-Fantastics** barbed wire cage match August 8 in Johnson City, Tenn., they aired clips of several previous confrontations between the teams, including a bloody dressing room/parking lot brawl taped six weeks earlier. That has become a hot commodity among tape collectors (Editor's note: I judged it at *****). Footage from the ***** street fight at the Knoxville Coliseum from July 17 was also shown. After these clips aired, **Jim Cornette** came out and carved a couple of tomatoes (representing The Fantastics) with a strand of barbed wire. Later, The 'Tics declared The Bodies to be "paper champions," and used barbed wire to shred a newspaper.

- **Dixie Dyn-O-Mite** defeated **The Stormtrooper**. Afterward, **Killer Kyle** (former WCW jobber **Mark Kyle**; Editor's note: I feel Kyle's gimmick as a silent, imposing bodyguard-type who carries a violin case with him to the ring is the best gimmick of the year) attacked 'Mite (**Scott Armstrong**) and choked him with a coat hanger. Several jobbers tried to make the save, but Kyle simply tossed them aside. **Hector Guerrero** clocked Kyle with a solid chair shot, but the Killer didn't sell it. Finally, commissioner **Bob Armstrong** ordered Kyle back to the dressing room.

- **Brian Lee** squashed **Gary Scott**. Lee was then attacked by **The Dirty White Boy**, triggering an impromptu match between the two. Lee cradled Boy for the victory to conclude a short match and close out the show.

(Weekend of 8/9)

- Guerrero defeated **Paul Lee** in a squash match with a rolling cradle.

- Several minutes of clips from previous shows were aired reviewing the Dyn-O-Mite vs. Kyle and **Paul Orndorff** vs. **Ron Garvin** feuds. Announcer **Bob Caudle** tried interviewing Kyle, but Kyle just stared at him and didn't answer any questions (as per his silent Mafia hitman gimmick).

- **Bob Armstrong** became the first guest on Down and Dirty With Dutch since the segment began in June. Mantell kept insisting he respected and agreed with Armstrong (yeah, right) but simultaneously implied that Armstrong was biased in favor of his "favorites," like Brian Lee. Armstrong closed the segment with a great speech in which he pledged that SMW respected his fans and didn't feature embarrassing wrestlers like other promotions do. He vowed SMW would continue going to the small towns ignored by the big federations and would charge reasonable prices. Referring to pay-per-view cards, Armstrong rhetorically asked why you should pay \$30 to see a card on television when for a small fraction of that amount you could come to an SMW show and even get wrestler autographs.

- The main event was a somewhat complicated four-team elimination match. A team was stationed at each of the four corners in the ring. Any man could tag out to any other man, even if he wasn't his teammate. Failure to accept a tag was an automatic disqualification. A pin, submission or DQ eliminated both members of a team, and the winners split "\$5,000." They did a good job explaining the rules prior to the match, and aired statements from all four teams (**Danny Davis**-Dyn-O-Mite, Fuller-Golden, Fantastics, Heavenly Bodies). The Fantastics were the first team out when Pritchard "loaded his boot" and kicked Bobby Fulton in the head. When Fulton came to, he attacked Cornette at ringside, stole his tennis racket and walloped Pritchard to eliminate the Bodies. Fuller and Golden then destroyed Davis, who juiced badly. The end came when Gibson attacked Fuller with cowboy boot, giving the heels a victory via disqualification and \$5,000. A *** match.

Letters

Dear Alex,

I have designed a computer simulation of professional wrestling that I believe would be of interest to your readers. The game is a text-only simulation which I feel rates accurately the top 400 wrestlers from the 1950s to the present. The game comes in IBM and Commodore 64 versions and is a lot of fun for any wrestling fan to play.

The cost of the game is \$29.95 for the IBM version and \$22.50 for the Commodore 64/128 version. There is a \$3 shipping and handling charge that should be included with each order. I can accept VISA, Master Card, checks and money orders (made payable to **David Snyderman**). All payments must be made in U.S. funds. For more information, call 215-277-4790 or write David Snyderman Games, 3127 Jolly Road, Norristown, PA 19401.

-- David Snyderman
DS Games
Norristown, PA

Dear Alex,

Great to see you back on schedule. I wanted to offer some questions and comments on Summer Slam. Although I think **Papa Shongo** will make an appearance, it is disappointing he will not be facing **The Ultimate Warrior**. My idea for the Warrior vs. Randy Savage match would have Warrior being turned because of a Shongo curse. In a recent *Miami Herald* column, you mentioned a split between Savage and **Elizabeth**. Is this for real? And if it is, is Savage going to lose the belt to Warrior again, retire and try to patch things with Liz?

I like the idea of **Bret Hart** and **The British Bulldog** going at it. It is obviously a match made for hometown favorite **Davey Boy Smith**, but it is a babyface vs. babyface match-up. I hope this one could be as good

as Hart's match against **Roddy Piper** was at *Wrestlemania VIII*. It does have the potential, especially with the history between from when they battled against each other in **The Hart Foundation vs. British Bulldogs** match. It also would be great to see **The Dynamite Kid** again.

Why are **Ric Flair** and **Mr. Perfect** absent from the lineup? This would be a good time for their feud to begin. Is **Curt Hennig** really ready to return to the ring, or is he saving that for a surprise at Summer Slam?

The Undertaker-Kamala match is interesting. Can we expect **Harvey Whippleman** to announce the return of **Sid Justice**?

As for WCW, good work by **Bill Watts** regarding the **Sting-Ron Simmons** and **Steiner brothers** title changes. **Terry Gordy** and **Steve Williams** appear unbeatable.

The wrestling magazines are talking once again about a possible cross promotion between the WWF and WCW. With declining ratings and attendance in wrestling, do you think something like this could become reality and boost interest?

-- Steven Smith
North Miami Beach, FL

AM: Savage and Liz are splitsville, but Savage won't be retiring to pursue her. The Dynamite Kid retired from wrestling in January. Obviously, Flair and Perfect will be involved at Slam in the main event some how, with Flair maybe even taking Warrior's place in the match. I really doubt Justice would return, although it isn't impossible with **Vince McMahon** scampering for talent. Justice, though, is just too big a pain in the rear. No cross promotions between the WWF and WCW are planned.

Bill Kunkel's Potshots



Briefly

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convention. This may be Von Erich's last wrestling-related social appearance, as he is facing up to 60 years in prison on drug charges in Dallas. Sentencing is September 10.

- Some people might be wondering if Arezzi and rival radio talk show host **Vince Russo** are going to settle their on-going feud in the ring after Russo issued a challenge on his Vicious Vince's World of Wrestling radio telecast August 13. Russo says he was just acting in character and not to take the challenge seriously.

- WCW's line-up for its Clash of Champions special Sept. 2 (8:05 p.m., TBS) has Ron Simmons vs. Cactus Jack in the main event. Other matches have **Sting-Nikita Koloff**-The Steiner brothers vs. **Big Van Vader-Super Invader-Jake Roberts**-Rude, Austin vs. **Ricky Steamboat** for the WCW television title, **Brad Armstrong** vs. **Brian Pillman** for the WCW light-heavyweight title, Eaton-Anderson vs. **Dick Slater-Greg Valentine**, The Barbarian-**Danny Spivey** vs. Windham-**Dustin Rhodes**, **Van Hammer** vs. **Diamond Dallas Page** and **Johnny B. Badd** vs. **Scotty Flamingo**. Highlights of the NWA tournament also will be telecast, and a 900-number will be given for fans wanting to vote on whether WCW's top rope rule should be repealed.

- Word has it **Jerry Jarrett** and **Vince McMahon** have made an agreement to use the Memphis-based USWA as a feeder circuit for the WWF, with Jarrett getting a WWF front-office job as compensation. Sounds fishy. More information next week.

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